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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$1,428,000 COMPLAINT TO CALIFORNIA DAIRIES, INC., TIPTON MILK PROCESSING FACILITY, TULARE COUNTY

FRESNO – California Dairies, Inc. (CDI) faces \$1,428,000 in mandatory minimum penalties for 473 effluent violations and 3 late reporting violations that occurred from 1 January 2000 through 30 July 2008 at its Tipton Milk Processing Facility. CDI discharges treated wastewater to Morrison Ditch, which ultimately flows to the Tule River. CDI was cited for violating limits in its permit, including limits on biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, settleable solids, total coliform organisms, boron, pH, and electrical conductivity, and was cited for discharging volumes of wastewater in excess of permitted flow limits. The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Water Board issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to CDI, which describes the violations that are subject to mandatory minimum penalties under the California Water Code, and which sets the matter for a hearing at the Central Valley Water Board's public meeting on April 23 and 24, 2009.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources.